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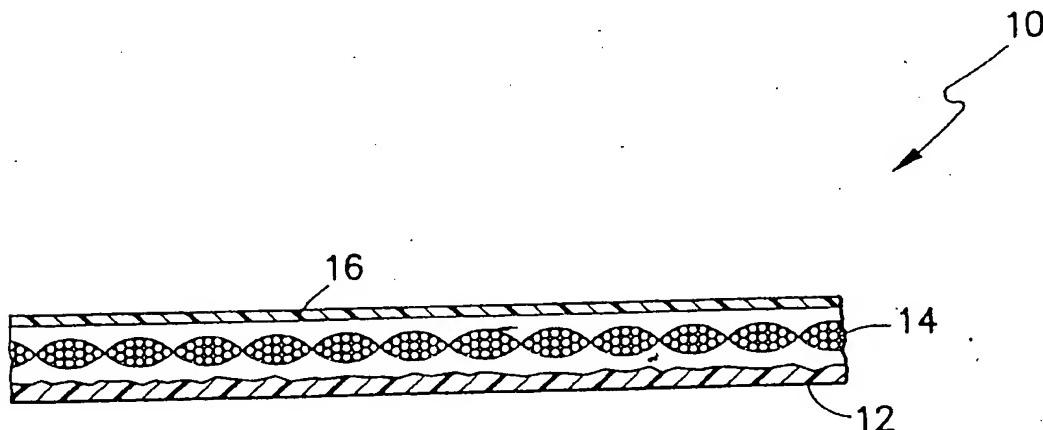
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(54) **Tricot knitting machine improvement**

(57) A pressure sensitive tape employing a tricot knit carrier fabric (14) having a minimum number of weft yarns (20). The tricot knit carrier fabric (14) being knit on a tricot knitting machine which employs a

loop hold down bar to prevent the first three or four courses adjacent the needles of the knitting machine from breaking out when released or cast off the needles.



**FIG. -1-**